GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:108
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2001
OPTIC FIBRE CABLES
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to lay Optical Fibre Cables (OFC) across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which the laying of said expensive OFC is relevant in the time of cellular telephone technology?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STA QUESTION NO. 108 FOR 30th JULY, 2001 REGARDING OPTIC FIBRE CABLES .

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total length of 1,26,000 Route Kilometres of Optical fibre cable (OFC) is planned to be laid during 2001-2002.Details are given in Annexure.

(c) Cellular telephone technology is used to provide mobile connection to individual subscribers from exchange whereas optical fibre cable is used for providing backbone network and for interconnecting the various telephone exchanges or for providing telecom services to bulk consumer for providing broadband access. The area of application of these two is different and they do not generally substitute each other.

ANNEXURE

COMMISSIONING TARGET FOR OFC FOR THE YEAR 2001-2002.

Sl. No.	Telecom Project/ Circle	OFC (RKMS)
1	Eastern Telecom Project	3500
2	Northern Telecom Project	6650
3	Southern Telecom Project	6650
4	Western Telecom Project	6600
5	North East Task Force	364
6	Andhra Pradesh	7000
7	Andaman & Nicobar	84
8	Assam	500
9	Bihar	7000
10	Jharkhand	4000
11	Gujarat	9050
12	Haryana	1550
13	Himachal Pradesh	1700
14	Jammu & Kashmir	650
15	Karnataka	6100
16	Kerala	1100
17	Madhya Pradesh	8700
18	Chhattisgarh	3855
19	Maharashtra	10175
20	North East-I	325
21	North East-II	175
22	Orissa	3500
23	Punjab	3522
24	Rajasthan	9100
25	Tamil Nadu	2700

26	Uttar Pradesh (E)	12000
27	Uttar Pradesh (W)	2300
28	Uttranchal	1100
29	West Bengal	5000
30	Chennai TD	760
31	Kolkata TD	300

Total	126000